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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE: September 23, 2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Request Big Smiles Dental Program to offer dental services to our students, during the school day, as coordinated by the Family Resource Center Coordinator and approved by the principal

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

N/A

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Each year, 55 million school hours are lost due to improper dental care. Big Smiles Dental Program works with local dentists to reduce this barrier to student achievement by bringing dental care to the schools. By offering dental services during the school day, students can receive their needed dental service with a reduction of missed instructional time during the school day. The services are coordinated by the Family Resource Center coordinator and approved by the principal.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

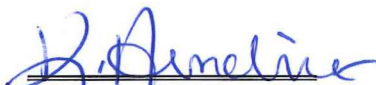
\$0.00 at the district level

RECOMMENDATION:

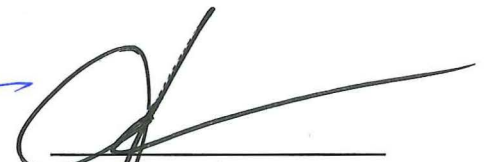
Consider/approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Big Smiles Dental Program for all schools who choose to schedule their services for the 2020-2021 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

Karen Hendrix, Director of District-wide Programs


Principal


District Administrator


Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal—complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director—if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Kenton County Board of Education

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The mission of Big Smiles Kentucky PSC (dba "Big Smiles Kentucky") is to improve the quality of children's lives by providing preventive and, where appropriate, restorative dental services to children often left without care. With parental/guardian permission, Big Smiles Kentucky can provide a dental exam, cleaning, fluoride treatments, x-rays and sealants, where applicable. In addition, restorative services such as simple fillings, pulpotomies (a root canal on baby teeth), extractions of baby teeth and pulp caps are offered. We generously provide donated care to children-in-need which includes a cleaning, screening and fluoride treatment. No child is ever turned away for lack of resources.

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish an understanding between:

Big Smiles Kentucky

And

Kenton County school District

Big Smiles Kentucky agrees:

- At a date to be mutually agreed upon, to provide preventive and restorative dental services, including: exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments (including Silver Diamine Fluoride), as well as x-rays and sealants where applicable, in addition to simple fillings, pulpotomies on baby teeth, baby teeth extractions and pulp caps. Such care shall be offered to the children with parental/guardian consent.
- All children ages 18 months -18 years are eligible.
- Each site will be served by our licensed Kentucky dentist(s) and/or hygienist(s) and/or dental assistants.
- There is no charge to the schools or District.
- When available, Medicaid covers 100% of treatment. Most insurances are accepted. For those without insurance, self-pay options are available.
- When children-in-need without insurance, Public Aid or the ability to self-pay receive grant funding, a dental screening, cleaning and fluoride treatment (excluding Silver Diamine Fluoride) will be provided at no expense once per school year, with parental signature and completion of our grant form confirming eligibility.
- Restorative dental care, including services listed above, is available only to those children with Medicaid, CHIP or applicable private insurance coverage.

- In the end, no child is turned away based on his/her ability to pay.
- All children will be given a "report card" for their parents' review. Copies of x-rays are available to the family and dental offices.

District agrees to:

- Distribute Permission Forms to students in the fall and spring semesters of each school year and at other times upon request, as well as to collect the Permission Forms from the students in advance of the dental visit, and to send the completed Permission Forms to Big Smiles Kentucky as far in advance of the dental visit as reasonably possible.
- Communicate directly with parents via electronic medium (i.e. text, email) and/or robo-calls, as well as posting to the school/district website and social media pages, to make them aware that the in-school dentist is coming to school and provide parents with the online sign-up option, available at www.myschooldentist.com
- Provide a space that is a minimum of 14 feet x 14 feet including 2 standard power outlets and access to water, suitable for the staff of Big Smiles Kentucky to set up its "dental office".
- Provide a minimum of 25 children per site to be treated. If minimum is not reached, the visit may be rescheduled or cancelled.

This agreement is non-financial in nature. It shall run for a period of one year, and shall be renewed automatically on an annual basis for additional one year terms, unless notified by either party in writing with 30 days' notice. If necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this agreement, Big Smiles may assign this agreement to another dental practice.

Big Smiles Kentucky PSC
2333 Alexandria Drive
Lexington, KY 40504

By: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Print Name

Title

Kenton County School District
1055 Eaton Drive
Ft. Wright, KY 41017

By: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Print Name

Title